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Note verbale dated 9 October 2012 from the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to forward herewith revised text of the letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Zalmai Rassoul, addressed to Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, regarding the International Security Assistance Force mandate in Afghanistan (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 9 October 2012 from the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, I have the honour to express profound gratitude and appreciation for the important role being rendered by the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), authorized under Security Council resolution 1386 (2001), and subsequent Security Council resolutions, for peace, security and stability in Afghanistan.

In that regard, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan hereby requests the extension and renewal of the mandate of ISAF until 13 October 2013. I also seize this opportunity to convey the sincere gratitude of the Afghan Government to all countries that have contributed troops and resources to ISAF.

It is our earnest hope that the Security Council will continue to reflect in its relevant resolutions the importance of fulfilling the mandate of ISAF.

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